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Re: Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion Into the Sale of
Exchanges by GTE North Incorporated to CenturyTel of Central
Wisconsin, LLC and Telephone USA of Wisconsin, LLC

05-TI-262

Petition of GTE North Incorporated and CenturyTel of Central
Wisconsin, LLC, for Waiver of Study Area Boundaries

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Wisconsin Commission) submits this letter in anticipation of the filing of a joint petition for waiver of study area boundaries by CenturyTel of Central Wisconsin, LLC (CenturyTel-Central) and GTE North Incorporated (GTE), arising from the sale and purchase of 42 local exchanges in Wisconsin.

Pursuant to the Common Carrier Bureau's order issued June 21, 1995, in dockets DA 95-1403 and AAD 95-78, local exchange carriers shall file with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as part of any petition for a waiver of a study area boundary, a state certificate or other valid document that demonstrates that the affected state commission does not object to a proposed reconfiguration of study area boundaries. At its open meeting today, the Wisconsin Commission determined that it has no objection to the issuance of a study area waiver associated with CenturyTel-Central's acquisition of the 42 local exchanges from GTE.

While the Wisconsin Commission does not have jurisdiction over the approval of the sale and purchase of local exchanges, it has begun a review of the transaction under its continuing supervisory jurisdiction over the operations of CenturyTel-Central and GTE in the state of Wisconsin. The parties have kept the Wisconsin Commission apprised of the nature of the transaction and have committed to work with the Wisconsin Commission in achieving a smooth transfer of the properties. In addition, CenturyTel-Central has made specific commitments that should preserve competition in the 42 exchanges.

Therefore, the Wisconsin Commission hereby states for the record that it does not oppose issuance of study area waivers associated with the proposed transaction. It is the Wisconsin Commission's specific intent that this statement be accepted as compliance with the requirement set forth in the Common Carrier Bureau's order issued June 21, 1995 (DA 95-1403 and AAD 95-78).


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Questions or communications on this matter may be addressed to Thomas Ferris, Audit Manager, Telecommunications Division, at (608) 266-1124.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, April 4, 2000

By the Commission:


Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Wisconsin Commission) submits this letter in anticipation of the filing of a joint petition for waiver of study area boundaries by Telephone USA of Wisconsin, LLC (Telephone USA), and GTE North Incorporated (GTE), arising from the sale and purchase of 35 local exchanges in Wisconsin.

Pursuant to the Common Carrier Bureau's order issued June 21, 1995, in dockets DA 95-1403 and AAD 95-78, local exchange carriers shall file with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as part of any petition for a waiver of a study area boundary, a state certificate or other valid document that demonstrates that the affected state commission does not object to a proposed reconfiguration of study area boundaries. At its open meeting today, the Wisconsin Commission determined that it has no objection to the issuance of a study area waiver associated with Telephone USA's acquisition of the 35 local exchanges from GTE.

While the Wisconsin Commission does not have jurisdiction over the approval of the sale and purchase of local exchanges, it has begun a review of the transaction under its continuing supervisory jurisdiction over the operations of Telephone USA and GTE in the state of Wisconsin. The parties have kept the Wisconsin Commission apprised of the nature of the transaction and have committed to work with the Wisconsin Commission in achieving a smooth transfer of the properties. In addition, Telephone USA has made specific commitments that should preserve competition in the 35 exchanges.

Therefore, the Wisconsin Commission hereby states for the record that it does not oppose issuance of study area waivers associated with the proposed transaction. It is the Wisconsin Commission's specific intent that this statement be accepted as compliance with the requirement set forth in the Common Carrier Bureau's order issued June 21, 1995 (DA 95-1403 and AAD 95-78).

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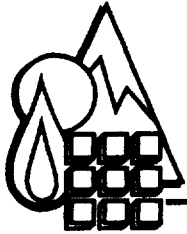
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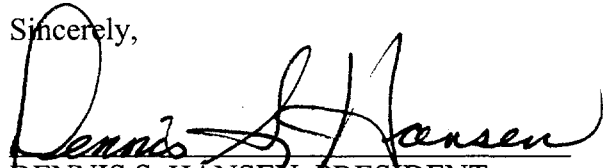
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Dear Ms. Schroder:


The Idaho portion of U S WEST's Afton, Wyoming exchange, an area known as Tygee Valley, is currently in the process of being sold by U S WEST to Citizens Telecommunications. Part of the approval of this sale requires the FCC to approve the changes in study area boundaries for both U S WEST and Citizens Telecommunications.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission wishes to notify the FCC that, contingent upon the Wyoming PSC's approval of the Wyoming sale, the Idaho PUC does not object to the FCC granting necessary study area waivers, nor does it object to any necessary reconfiguration of study area boundaries involving the Idaho portion of the Afton, Wyoming exchange.

Sincerely,


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Re: New Mexico Local Exchange Carrier Study Area and Price Cap Waiver Request

Dear Ms. Flannery:

This letter is being written in response to a request by representatives of Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc. ("MATI"), regarding the sale of certain New Mexico exchanges to MATI by GTE Southwest, Inc. ("GTE-SW"). We have been informed by representatives of MATI that the FCC will not act upon its request for a study-area or price-cap waiver in the absence of this correspondence.

By this letter, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("PRC") confirms that it is currently reviewing MATI's application filed on May 15, 2000 for certain approvals required by law to commence operations as a rural telecommunications company, *In the Matter of the Application of Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc. for a Certificate of Financial and Technical Competency, Operating Authority, and Public Convenience and Necessity and for Approval of Initial Tariffs, PRC Docket No. 3364*. As part of its Application, MATI requests that the NMPRC find that: a) MATI is an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") pursuant to law; and (b) it is in the public interest that MATI be granted a study-area and price-cap waiver by the FCC.

The PRC will neither endorse, nor object, to an early consideration and approval of the requested interstate study-area-waiver or price-cap waiver by the FCC. By this indication, we are not prejudging the effect, if any, that such waivers may have upon the intrastate operations of the affected parties. We reserve the right to review these issues further in the proceedings in Docket

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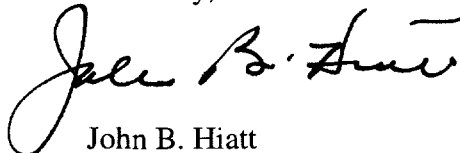
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No. 3364 and to take whatever steps are necessary to assure that the waivers, if granted, do not adversely affect the public interest in New Mexico.

If you should have any questions regarding this correspondence, or if you should have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (505) 827-4037.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John B. Hiatt".

John B. Hiatt
Chief of Staff

cc: Commissioners

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RE: US West Communications, Inc sale of 17 Colorado Exchanges
 to Citizens Utilities Company

Dear Ms. Schroder:

By this letter, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("NPSC") notifies the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") that the NPSC, contingent on the Colorado Public Utilities Commission's approval of the Colorado sale, does not object to the FCC granting study area waivers nor to any configuration of study area boundaries involving the Nebraska portion of the Julesburg, Colorado exchange.

Should the FCC have any further questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

Sincerely,

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Re: Sale of U S WEST Communications, Inc. Exchanges in Montana

Dear Ms. Schroder:

By this letter the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) notifies the Federal Communications Commission that the NDPSC recently approved the sale of the portion of the Fairview, MT telephone exchange that serves North Dakota customers by U S WEST Communications, Inc. to Citizens Telecommunications of Montana.

The NDPSC has no objection to the removal of the Fairview, MT exchange from U S WEST's study area and its addition to the appropriate study area of the acquiring company.

Sincerely

Susan Wefald
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Re: Sale of U S WEST Communications, Inc. Exchanges in North Dakota

Dear Ms. Schroder:

By this letter the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) notifies the Federal Communications Commission that the NDPSC recently approved the sale of eight North Dakota telephone exchanges (Williston, Alexander, Watford City, Wyndmere, Fairmount, Lisbon, Gwinner and Pembina) by U S WEST to Citizens Telecommunications of North Dakota.

The NDPSC has no objection to the removal of the named exchanges from U S WEST's study area and the addition of those exchanges to the appropriate study area(s) of the acquiring company.

Sincerely


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